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March 30, 2011

# **MEMORANDUM**

SENSITIVE

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Acting Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia Carmona · +

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona LC
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY:

Jodi Winship/Sari Pickerall(

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Reason To Relieve Recommendation - 2010 Year-End Report for the

Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file the 2010 Year-End Report in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 434(a). The Year-End Report was due on January 31, 2011.

The committees listed in the attuched RTB Circulation Report either failed to file the report, filed the report more than five (5) days but no more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a late filed report), or filed the report more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 CFR 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

## Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that all other political committees and their treasurers listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
- 2. Send the appropriate letters.

# Federal Election Commission Reason to Believe Circulation Report 2010 YEAR-END Not Election Sensitive 01/31/2011 H\_S\_P\_UNAUTH

RTB Penalty		\$3,850		•	
<b>F04</b>		\$95,670 (est)			
Days Late		Not Filed			
Receipt Date Days Late					
<b>≧</b>		0			
Threshold		\$191,340			
Treasurer		LARRY W. PICKETT			
Candidate Name		TRAYLOR, CHET D			
Committee Name		CHET D TRAYLOR FOR US SENATE CAMPAIGN			
Committee		2403   C00486662			
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Treasurer Threshold PV Receipt Date Days Late LOA RTB Penalty	V \$121,900 0 Not Filed \$60,950 (est) \$2,970
AFF Committee Committee Name Candidate Name	2433 C00484303 JOHNSON FOR CONGRESS JOHNSON, HARRY CLAUD HARRY JOHNSON

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RTB Penalty	066\$	\$550	
RTB			
FOA	\$34,201 (est)	\$20,503 (est)	
Days Late	Not Filed	Not Filed	;
Receipt Date			
<u>₹</u>	0	0	
Threshold	\$205,205	\$102,513	
Treasurer Threshold PV Receipt Date Days Late	ROSE LAVERGHETTA	MARK A. GARCIA	
Candidate Name	LAVERGHETTA, DINO	CASTELLANO, THOMAS C	
Committee Name	THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT DINO LAVERGHETTA	THOMAS C CASTELLANO CAMPAIGN FUND	,
AF# Committee ID	2464 C00475772	2465 C00475038	
<b>*</b>	2464	2465	

# BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of  Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2010  Year-End Report for the Administrative  Fine Program:	) ) ) )

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JOHNSON FOR CONGRESS, and HARRY JOHNSON as treasurer;	) AF# 2433 )	_
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THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT DINO LAVERGHETTA, and LAVERGHETTA,	)	AF# 2464	
ROSE as treasurer;	)		

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THOMAS C CASTELLANO CAMPAIGN ) AF# 2465 FUND, and MARK A GARCIA as ) treasurer; )	
CERTIFICATION	
I, Shelley E. Garr, Deputy Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, of	lo
hereby certify that on April 01, 2011 the Commission took the following actions of	n
the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2010 Year-End Report for the	
Administrative Fine Program as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's	
Memorandum dated March 30, 2011, on the following committees:	

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AF#2403 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CHET I	
TRAYLOR FOR US SENATE CAMPAIGN, and LARRY W PICKETT as treasure violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil mone penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub vo affirmatively for the decision.	irer Sy Sr.

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AF#2433 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that JOHNSON FOR CONGRESS, and HARRY JOHNSON as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount		
indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.		

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AF#2464 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT DINO LAVERGHETTA, and LAVERGHETTA, RO treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the money penalty would be the amount imiscated on the report; (2) send the approprietter. Commissioners Binerly, Hunter, NieGahn II, Peterson, Walther, and Weinis voted affirmatively for the decision.	civil aue
AF#2465 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that THOMA CASTELLANO CAMPAIGN FUND, and MARK A GARCIA as treasurer violate U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commission Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmative the decision.	ed 2 would ners

April 01, 2011	
	Attest:

April 4, 204

Shelley E. Garr
Deputy Secretary



April 4, 2011

Mark A. Garcia, in official capacity as Treasurer Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund 2204 N Armenia Ave. Tampa, FL 33607

C00475038 AF#: 2465

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a Year End Report of Receipts and Disbursements every calendar year. This report, covering the period through December 31, 2010, was due no later than January 31, 2011. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was not filed within thirty (30) days of the due date. You should file this report if you have not already done so.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4). On April 1, 2011, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before January 31, 2011. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. § -111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$550. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.30-11.46. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. 11 C.F.R. § 111.34. Your payment of \$550 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by May 11, 2011, and is based on these factors:

Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$20,503

Number of Days Late: Not Filed

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

# 1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street,

NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or May 11, 2011. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Exemples of circumstances that will be emuldened reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to, (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transroissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to, (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

# 2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Pennity end Not to Sutunit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated givil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 C.F.R. § 111.51(a)(2).

# 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Sari Pickerall in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

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On behalf of the Commission,

Attachment 3

# **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty ealculated at RTB is \$550 for the 2010 Year-End Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by May 11, 2011. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

# PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

## PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR FAYMENT

FOR: Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund

FEC ID#: C00475038

AF#: 2465

PAYMENT DUE DATE: May 11, 2011

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$550

# Thomas C. Castellano 2705 W. Louisiana Av. Tampa, Fl. 33614

May 9, 2010

Federal Election Commission Washington, D. C. 20463

Attention: Cynthia L. Bauerly

Re: C00475038 Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund

AF#: 2465

Dear Ms. Bauerly:

On August 25, 2010, the day after losing the Republican Primary, I shut down the campaign headquarters. At that time, Mark Garcia resigned as my Treasurer for the campaign. I was unaware that the final filings were not reported.

All correspondence from the FEC has been mailed to 2204 N. Armenia Av., Tampa, Fl. 33607. Since that office has been closed and vacant since August 25, 2010, the mail was delivered to 2206 ½ N. Armenia. The receptionist held the mail until in passing, told me I had mail sitting on her desk.

Upon receiving this notice, I have since filed the "Termination Report" to Seth Kyle with the FEC.

Therefore, I sincerely request that the \$550.00 civil penalty be waived as I did not receive your notices in hand until the first week in May, 2011. I have also notified the tenant at 2206 ½ N. Armenia Av. that all correspondence from you should be forwarded to me at my residence.

I will comply with all your requests promptly in the future.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Castellano



Via First Class Mail

May 26, 2011

Mark A. Garcia, as Treasurer Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund 2204 Armenia Ave. Tampa, FL 33607

C00475038 AF# 2465

Dear Mr. Garcia:

On May 26, 2011, the Commission's Office of Administrative Review ("OAR") received your written response ("challenge") which is being reviewed by OAR. If you have any questions regarding your challenge, please contact this Office on our toll free number (800)424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202)694-1660.

Sincerely,

Dayna C. Brown
Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review

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**Date:** May 31, 2011

# REFERRAL TO OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CHALLENGE RECEIVED

**AF#: 2465** 

Committee Name: Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund

Committee ID#: C00475038

Committee Address (if different than in RTB letter): N

Treasurer Name (if different than in RTB finding): N

## Attachments:

Copy of RTB Circulation Report, dated March 30, 2011 and RTB Certification,

dated April 4, 2011 (Y/N): N

Attachment #: N/A

Proof of Delivery (to ite forwarded at later date if not yet received) (Y/N): Y

Attachment #: 1

Telecoms and Visitcoms in Response to RTB Letter (Y/N): Y

Attachment #: 2

Other Relevant Telecoms (Y/N): N

Attachment #: N/A

Original Correspondence Received by RAD in Response to RTB Letter (Y/N): N

Attachment #: N/A

RAD Staff Declaration (Y/N): Y

-2010 Year End Report Prior Notice, dated December 27, 2010.

-Non-Filer Letter, dated Fabruary 16, 2011.

-RTB Letter, dated April 4, 2011.

Attachment #: 3

Other RAD Information: (Y/N): N

Attachment#: N/A



# **Delivery Notification**

Dear Customer,

This notice serves as proof of delivery for the shipment listed below.

Tracking Number: 1Z WF5 860 A2 9073 828 7

Reference Number(s): RAD, 2465 Service: **NEXT DAY AIR** 

Special Instructions: ADULT SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Shipped/Billed On: 04/01/2011

**Delivered On:** 04/05/2011 9:57 A.M. **Delivered To:** 2204 N ARMENIA AVE

TAMPA, FL, US 33607

Location: OFFICE

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely, UPS

Tracking results provided by UPS: 04/08/2011 11:26 A.M. ET

# **DECLARATION OF JODI WINSHIP**

- I am the Chief of the Compliance Branch for the Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Chief of the Compliance Branch, I oversee the initial processing of the Administrative Fine Program. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and, if called upon as a witness, could and would testify competently to the following matters.
- 2. I hereby certify that documents identified herein are true and accurate copies of the following sent by the Commission to Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund:
  - A) Prior Notice, dated December 27, 2010 referencing the 2010 Year End Report (sent via electronic mail to: tommy@castellanoforcongress.com);
  - B) Non-Filer Notice, dated February 16, 2011, referencing the 2010 Year End Report;
  - C) Reason-to-Believe Letter, dated April 4, 2011, referencing the 2010 Year End Report.
- I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and find that Thomas C
   Castellano Campaign Fund filed an Amended 2010 October Quarterly Report covering 2010
   Year End dates of service with the Commission on May 6, 2011.
- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that all relevant telecoms for the matter have been provided. This declaration was executed at Washington, D.C. on the 31st day of May, 2011.

Jodi Winship

Chief, Compliance Branch Reports Analysis Division

Federal Election Commission



# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

# **CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES**

December 27, 2010

# **CURRENT REPORT DUE**

# I. 2010 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

•	) ·	REG./CERT. &	•
	REPORTING	OVERNIGHT	FILING
REPORT	PERIOD 1	MAILING DÉADLINE	DEADLINE
Year-End	11/23/10 - 12/31/10	01/31/11	01/31/11

# II. UNSUCCESSFUL 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES AND CANDIDATES NOT ACTIVE IN 2010 ELECTIONS

		REG./CERT. &	
	REPORTING	OVERNIGHT	FILING
REPORT	PERROD <sup>1</sup>	MAILING DEADLINE	DEADLINE
Year-End	10/01/10 - 12/31/10	01/31/11	. 01/31/11

# NOTE FOR COMMITTEES NOT REQUIRED TO FILE A POST-GENERAL ELECTION REPORT CHART II (see above)

For candidates who ran in 2010 but did not participate in the general election, the reporting period for the Year-End Report spans two election cycles. For this report only, committees should instead use the Post-Election Detailed Summary Page (FEC Form 3, Pages 5-8). Committees should not use the normal Detailed Summary Page.

# Click here for Supplemental Filing Information

See Page 2 for 2011 Reporting Schedule

A reporting period always begins the day after the closing date of the last report filed. If the committee is new and has not previously filed a report, the first report must cover all activity that occurred before the committee registered up through the close of books for the first report due.

# **REPORTING SCHEDULE FOR 2011**

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS <sup>1</sup>	REG:/CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
April Quarterly	03/31/11	04/15/11	04/15/11
July Quarterly	06/30/11	07/15/11	07/15/11
October Quarterly	09/30/11	10/15/11	10/15/11 2
Year-End	12/31/11	01/31/12	01/31/12

# Click here for Supplemental Filing Information

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A reporting period always begins the day after the closing date of the last report filed. If the committee is new and has not previously filed a report, the first report must cover all activity that occurred before the committee registered up through the close of books for the first report due.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Notice that this filing deadline falls on a weekend. Filing deadlines are not extended when they fall on nonworking days. Accordingly, reports filed by methods other than Registered, Certified or Overnight Mail, or electronically, must be received before the Commission's close of business on the last business day before the deadline.

# 2010 SUPPLEMENTAL FILING INFORMATION CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

PLEASE NOTE: The Commission provides reminders of upcoming filing dates as a courtesy to help committees comply with the filing deadlines set forth in the Act and Commission regulations. Committee treasurers must comply with all applicable filing deadlines established by law, and the lack of prior notice does not constitute an excuse for failing to comply with any filing deadline.

## WHO MUST FILE

Principal campaign committees of congressional candidates <sup>1</sup> (including unopposed candidates and candidates whose names do not appear on the ballot) must file a Year-End Report on January 31, 2011. <sup>2</sup>

Campaigns that raise or spend more than \$5,000 for the 2010 election cycle (and thus trigger registration and reporting requirements) must file quarterly reports throughout 2010, even if the candidate plans to retire, withdraws from the race prior to the primary election, loses the primary or drops out of the race prior to the general election. See 11 CFR 104.5(a)(2).

Before a committee can stop filing with the FEC, it must file a termination report with the Commission. See 11 CFR 102.3. Committees must continue to file reports until the Commission notifies them in writing that their termination report has been accepted.

## METHODS OF FILING REPORTS

# **Electronic Filing**

Reports filed electronically must be received and validated by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing deadline. See 11 CFR 104.5(e).

- Web Page: <u>Electronic Filing Page</u>
- Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees (Candidate Guide), pp. 82-84 [PDF]

# Paper Filing - Meeting the Filing Deadline

Paper Report filing options -- Registered, Certified or Overnight or First Class Mail. See 11 CFR 104.5(e).

- Web Page: Link to Paper Forms (for downloading and printing)
- Candidate Guide, p. 81 [PDF]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Generally, an individual becomes a candidate for federal office (and thus trigged registration and reporting obligations) when his or her campaign exceeds \$5,000 in either contributions or expenditures. If the campaign has not crossed the \$5,000 threshold, it is not required to file reports. See 11 CFR 100.3(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If a candidate has more than one authorized committee, the principal campaign committee must also file a consolidated report on <u>Form 3Z</u> [PDF].

# **COMPLIANCE**

# Treasurer Responsibility

Committee Treasurers are responsible for both the timeliness and the accuracy of all reports. They may be subject to monetary penalties if reports are inaccurate or are not filed on time. See 11 CFR 104.14(d).

- Statement of Policy Regarding Treasurers Subject to Enforcement Proceedings [PDF]
- Candidate Guide, p. 7 [PDF]

# **Administrative Fine Program**

Political committees and their treasurers who fail to file their reports on time may be subject to civil money penalties up to \$17,600 (or more for repeat late- and non-filers). <sup>3</sup> See 11 CFR 111.30.

- Web Page: Administrative Fine Program
- Candidate Guide, pp. 81-82 [PDF]

# DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST BUNDLING ACTIVITY

Campaign committees must file <u>FEC Form 3L</u> [PDF] if they receive two or more bundled contributions from lobbyists/registrants or lobbyist/registrant PACs that aggregate in excess of \$16,000 during the applicable reporting period (see page 1 of this notice). See 11 CFR 104.22 and 110.17(e).

• The Record: March 2009 issue [PDF]

# 2010 REPORTING SCHEDULE

- Web Page: <u>2010 Reporting Dates Page</u>
  The *Record*: January 2010 issue [PDF]
- Candidate Guide, p. 79 [PDF]

# **IMPORTANT FILING INFORMATION - PAPER FILERS**

In response to the 2001 anthrax threat, the U.S. Postal Service is irradiating mail directed to many federal agencies, including the FEC and the Secretary of the Senate. <sup>4</sup> This process has not only delayed mail delivery, it has also damaged and in some cases destroyed pieces of mail. As a result, commattees that file reports with the FEC may want to consider submitting their reports by some means other than U.S. mail. Alternative methods include electronic filing, overnight mail or delivery service, and hand delivery.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Penalties for late- or non-filing of 48-hour notices are based on the amount of contributions not timely disclosed. As a result, these penalties may exceed \$17,600, even for first-time violations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Senate committees should contact the Secretary of the Senate at (202) 224-0322 for more information on filing reports via US mail.



**RQ-7** 

MARK A GARCIA, TREASURER THOMAS C CASTELLANO CAMPAIGN FUND 2204 N ARMENIA AV TAMPA, FL 33607

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00475038

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT 10/1/2010 - 12/31/2010

DEAR TREASURER:

IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION THAT YOU MAY HAVE FAILED TO FILE THE ABOVE REFERENCED REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT, AS AMENDED.

TT IS IMEDITANT THAT YOU FILE THIS REPORT INMERITATELY WITH THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, 999 E STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463 FOR HOUSE CANDIDATES, OR THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, 232 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510 (MAILING ADDRESS: OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS, P.O. BOX 2517, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22301), FOR SEBATE CANDIDATES. PLEASE HOTE MIST ELECTRONIC FILERS HUST SUBMIT THEIR REPORTS ELECTRONICALLY, AS DER 11 CER \$104.18. A COPY OF THE REPORT MUST ALSO BE FILED MITTE THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR EQUIVALENT STATE OFFICER UNLESS THE STATE IS EXEMPT FROM THE FEDERAL BEQUITEMENT TO RECEIVE AND MAINTAIN PAPER COPIES. YOU CAN VERIFY THE COMMISSION'S RECEIPT OF ANY DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY YOUR COMMITTEE ON THE FEC WEBSITE AT WWW.FEC.GOV.

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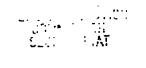
IE YOU DEVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THTS MATTER, BLEASE CONTACT HARI RICHEGALL AT OUR TOLL PRES NUMBER (800)424-9530. OUR DIRECT LOCAL NUMBER IS (202)894-1130.

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DEBBIE CHACONA
ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR
REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION (RAD)





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June 30, 2011

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

The Commission

Through:

Alec Palmer

Acting Staff Director

From:

Patricia Carmona 🎷

**Chief Compliance Officer** 

Dayna C. Brown

Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review

Subject:

Reviewing Officer Recommendation in AF# 2465 – Thomas C. Castellano

Campaign Fund and Mark A. Garcia, in his official capacity as Treasurer

(C00475038)

The attached Reviewing Officer Recommendation is being circulated on an informational basis. A copy was also sent to the respondents in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The respondents may file with the Commission Secretary a written response within 10 days of transmittal of the recommendation.

After the 10 day period, the Reviewing Officer Recommendation and the respondents' written response, if any, will be circulated to the Commission to make a final determination.

Attachment



### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 30, 2011

## REVIEWING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ("OAR")

AF# 2465 – Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund and Mark A. Garcia, in his official capacity as Treasurer (C00475038)

#### **Summary of Recommendation**

Make a final determination that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess no civil money penalty.

#### Reason-to-Believe Background

On April 1, 2011, the Commission found reason to believe ("RTB") that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to file the 2010 Year End Report and made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$550 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. A letter was mailed to the respondents' address of record from the Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") on April 4, 2011 to notify them of the Commission's RTB finding and civil money penalty.

#### Legal Requirements

The Federal Election Campaign Act ("Act") states that the treasurer of a principal campaign committee shall file a report for the quarter ending December 31 no later than January 31 of the following calendar year. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(2)(A)(iii) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(a)(1)(i). Year End Reports sent by certified or registered mail, Priority or Express Mail with delivery confirmation, or by an overnight delivery service with an on-line tracking system and scheduled for next business day delivery must be postmarked or deposited with the mailing service no later than January 31 to be timely filed. Reports sent by first class mail must be received by the close of business on the filing date to be timely filed. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(5), and 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.19(b) and 104.5(e). The treasurer shall be personally rosponsible for the timely filing of roports. 11 C.F.R. § 104.14(d).

#### Respondents' Challenge

On May 26, 2011, the Commission received the written response ("challenge") from the Candidate, Thomas C. Castellano, who requests that the penalty be waived because he did not receive the Commission's notice in hand until the first week of May 2011. The Candidate explains that he shut down the campaign headquarters on August 25, 2010 after losing the primary and the Committee's Treasurer also resigned at this time, so he was unaware the final filing was not reported. He notes that correspondence from the Commission was being sent to an office that has been closed and vacant since he shutdown the campaign on August 25, and though the mail was being delivered to a secondary address, the receptionist held it. Once she informed him, in passing, that he had mail, he filed a Termination Report.

Included with the challenge is a copy of the RTB letter.

#### **Analysis**

Although the challenge contends that the Candidate shutdown the campaign and the Treasurer resigned following the Candidate's primary loss, because they did not file a Termination Report on or before January 31, 2011, indicating that the Committee will no longer receive contributions or make disbursements, that there are no outstanding debts or obligations and the purpose for which any residual funds will be used, they were required to file the Year End Report. 11 C.F.R. § 102.3 and 2 U.S.C. § 433(d).

While the Caudidate states that he was unaware a final report was not filed, Commission records indicate the respondents were notified of their requirement to file the Year End Report and the report's due date on Deember 27, 2010, when the Cummission sent the Report Notice for the 2010 Year End Report to "TOMMY@CASTELLANOFORCONGRESS2010.COM," the email andress listed on their Statement of Organization. Additionally, a non-filer lotter dated February 16, 2011, was mailed to the respondents' address of record.

The challenge indicates that the address of record was vacant as of August 25, however, it is the responsibility of the Committee to report any change or correction to the information disclosed on the Statement of Organization, including the Committee's Treasurer and address, no later than ten (10) days after the date of change by Illing an Amended Statement of Organization. 11 C.F.R. § 102.2(a)(2). The address disclosed on the Committee's Statement of Organization is considered their address of record and used for mailing correspondence from the Commission. Additionally, the Treasurer is responsible for timely filing of reports. To date, the Committee's Statement of Organization has not been amended and continues to disclose Mark A. Gareia as Treasurer and the closed campaign headquarters as its address of record.

Under the administrative fine regulations, one of the criteria used to calculate the civil money penalty is the level of activity. 11 C.F.R. § 111.43(d). At the time of the RTB finding for the 2010 Year End Report, the Commission had not received the respondents' report; therefore, an estimated level of activity (\$20,503) was used to calculate the RTB civil money penalty. 11 C.F.R. § 111.43(d)(2)(i). On May 6, 2011, the respondents filed an Amended October Quarterly Report covering the period from August 5, 2010 through March 31, 2011 and encompassing the October 1 through December 31, 2010 enverage dates. The report disclosed no receipts and no disbursements for the Year End reporting period, resulting in a level of activity of \$0 for the reporting period. Since the level of activity is \$0 and the schedule of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43(a) only provides for civil money penalties if the level of activity is \$1.00 or more, no civil money penalty should be assessed against the respondents.

Their challenge fails to address any of the three valid grounds at 11 C.F.R § 111.35(b). These are: (i) the RTB finding is based on factual errors; and/or (ii) the improper calculation of the civil penalty; and/or (iii) they used best efforts to file on time but were prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen pircumstances that were beyond their control and they filed the report no later than 24 hours after the end of these circumstances. Therefore, the Reviewing Officer recomments that the Commission make a final determination that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess no civil money penalty.

#### **OAR Recommendations**

- (1) Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 2465 involving the Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund and Mark A. Garcia, in his official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination;
- (2) Make a final determination in AF# 2465 that the Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund and Mark A. Garcia, in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and, based on the actual level of activity disclosed for the period (\$0), assess no civil money penalty (reduced from the RTB civil money penalty of \$550); and
- (3) Send the appropriate letter.

Reviewing Officer: Dayna C. Brown

#### Attachments

Attachment 1 - Challenge Received from Respondents

Attachment 2 - Declaration from RAD and Telecoms Provided with the Declaration

Attachment 3 – Declaration from QAR

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FEC OFFICE OF ADMIN REVIEW

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### Thomas C. Castellano 2705 W. Louisiana Av. Tampa, Fl. 33614

May 9, 2010

Federal Election Commission Washington, D. C. 20463

Attention: Cynthia L. Bauerly

Re: C00475038 Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund

AF#: 2465

Dear Ms. Bauerly:

On August 25, 2010, the day after losing the Republican Primary, I shut down the campaign headquarters. At that time, Mark Garcia resigned as my Treasurer for the campaign. I was unaware that the final filings were not reported.

All correspondence from the FEC has been mailed to 2204 N. Armenia Av., Tampa, Fl. 33607. Since that office has been closed and vacant since August 25, 2010, the mail was delivered to 2206 ½ N. Armenia. The receptionist held the mail until in passing, told me I had mail sitting on her desk.

Upon receiving this notice, I have since filed the "Termination Report" to Seth Kyle with the FEC.

Therefore, I sincerely request that the \$550.00 civil penalty be waived as I did not receive your notices in hand until the first week in May, 2011. I have also notified the tenant at 2206 ½ N. Armenia Av. that all correspondence from you should be forwarded to me at my residence.

I will comply with all your requests promptly in the future.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Castellano



April 4, 2011

M urk A. Garcia, in official capacity as Treasurer Tromas C Castellano Campaign Fund 2234 N Armenia Ave.
Tampa, FL 33607

C( 0475038 Al'#: 2465

De ar Mr. Garcia:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a Year End Report of Receipts and Disbursements every calendar year. This report, covering the period through December 31, 2010, was due no later than January 31, 2011. 2 IJ.S.C. § 434(a). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was not filed within thirty (30) days of the due date. You should file this report if you have not already done so.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting recuirements of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4). On April 1, 2011, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or be ore January 31, 2011. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$550. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.30-11 46. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. 11 C.F.R. § 111.34. Your payment of \$550 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by May 11, 2011, and is based on these factors:

Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$20,503

Number of Days Late: Not Filed

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

#### 1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street,

NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or May 11, 2011. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money panalty, and naust include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly soccurages that dominents be submitted in the form of affidavits or doclarations. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds:

(1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (2)

§ 711.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be nonsidered reasonably unforeseen and heyond your control include, but are not limited to, (1) a failure of Commission commission commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to, (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

#### 2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Maney Ponnity and Nat to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money paralty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriete action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 C.F.R. § 111.51(a)(2).

#### 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Sari Pickersil in the Reports Analysis Division at cur toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt prass 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Cynthia L. Bauerly

#### ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$550 for the 2010 Year-End Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Fed ral Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by May 11, 2011. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

#### PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your accc unt will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

#### PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund

FEC ID#: C00475038

AF#: 2465

PAYMENT DUE DATE: May 11, 2011

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$550

#### **DECLARATION OF JODI WINSHIP**

- 1. I am the Chief of the Compliance Branch for the Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Chief of the Compliance Branch, I oversee the initial processing of the Administrative Fine Program. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and, if called upon as a witness, could and would testify competently to the following matters.
- 2. I hereby certify that documents identified herein are true and accurate copies of the following sent by the Commission to Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund:
  - A) Prior Notice, dated December 27, 2010 referencing the 2010 Year End Report (sent via electronic mail to: tommy@castellanoforcongress.com);
  - B) Non-Filer Notice, dated February 16, 2011, referencing the 2010 Year End Report;
  - C) Reason-to-Believe Letter, dated April 4, 2011, referencing the 2010 Year End Report.
- I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and find that Thomas C
   Castellano Campaign Fund filed an Amended 2010 October Quarterly Report covering 2010

   Year Find dates of service with the Commission on May 6, 2011.
- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that all relevant telecoms for the matter have been provided. This declaration was executed at Washington, D.C. on the 31st day of May, 2011.

Jodi Winship

Chief, Compliance Branch Reports Analysis Division Federal Election Commission



#### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

#### **CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES**

December 27, 2010

#### **CURRENT REPORT DUE**

#### I. 2010 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

		REG/CERT. &	
	REPORTING	OVERNIGHT	FILING
REPORT	PERIOD 1	MAILING DEADLINE	DEADLINE
Year-End	11/23/10 - 12/31/10	01/31/11	01/31/11

## II. UNSUCCESSFUL 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES AND CANDIDATES NOT ACTIVE IN 2010 ELECTIONS

		REG/CERT. &	
	REPORTING	OVERNIGHT	FILING
REPITET	PERIOD 1	MAILING HEADLINE	DEADLINE
Year-End	10/01/10 - 12/31/10	01/31/11	01/31/11

## NOTE FOR COMMITTEES NOT REQUIRED TO FILE A POST-GENERAL ELECTION REPORT CHART II (see above)

For candidates who ran in 2010 but did not participate in the general election, the reporting period for the Year-End Report spans two election cycles. For this report only, committees should instead use the Post-Election Detailed Summary Page (FEC Form 3, Pages 5-8). Committees should not use the normal Detailed Summary Page.

#### Click here for Supplemental Filing Information

See Page 2 for 2011 Reporting Schedule

A reporting period always begins the day after the closing date of the last report filed. If the committee is new and has not previously filed a report, the first report must cover all activity that occurred before the committee registered up through the close of books for the first report due.

### **REPORTING SCHEDULE FOR 2011**

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS <sup>1</sup>	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
April Quarterly	03/31/11	04/15/1.1	04/15/11
July Quarterly	06/30/11	07/15/11	07/15/11
October Quarterly	09/30/11	10/15/11	10/15/11 2
Year-End	12/31/11	01/31/12	01/31/12

Click here for Supplemental Filing Information

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Notice that this filing deadline falls on a weekend. Filing deadlines are not extended when they fall on nonworking days. Accordingly, reports filed by methods other than Registered, Certified or Overnight Mail, or electronically, must be received before the Commission's close of business on the last business day before the deadline.

## 2010 SUPPLEMENTAL FILING INFORMATION CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

it the Commission provides reminders of upcoming filing dates as a courtesy to help committees comply with the filing deadlines set forth in the Act and Commission regulations. Committee treasurers must comply with all applicable filing deadlines established by law, and the lack of prior notice does not constitute an excuse for failing to comply with any filing deadline.

#### WHO MUST FILE

Principal campaign committees of congressional candidates <sup>1</sup> (including unopposed candidates and candidates whose names do not appear on the ballot) must file a Year-End Report on January 31, 2011. <sup>2</sup>

Campaigns that raise or spend more than \$5,000 for the 2010 election cycle (and thus trigger registration and reporting requirements) must file quarterly reports throughout 2010, even if the candidate plans to retire, withdraws from the race prior to the primary election, loses the primary or drops out of the race prior to the general election. See 11 (FR 104.5(a)(2)).

Before a committee can stop filing with the FEC, it must file a termination report with the Commission. See 11 CFR 102.3. Committees must continue to file reports until the Commission notifies them in writing that their termination report has been accepted.

#### METHODS OF FILING REPORTS

#### **Electronic Filing**

Reports filed electronically must be received and validated by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing deadline. See 11 (FR 104.5(e).

- Web Page: <u>Electronic Filing Page</u>
- Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees (Candidate Guide).
  pp. 82-84 [PDF]

#### Paper Filing - Meeting the Filing Deadline

Paper Report filing options -- Registered, Certified or Overnight or First Class Mail. See 11 CFR 104.5(e).

- Web Page: Link to Paper Forms (for downloading and printing)
- Candidate Guide, p. 81 [PDF]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Generally, an individual becomes a candidate for federal office (and thus triggers registration and reporting obligations) when his or her campaign exceeds \$5,000 in either contributions or expenditures. If the campaign has not crossed the \$5,000 threshold, it is not required to file reports. See 11 CFR 100.3(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If a candidate has more than one authorized committee, the principal campaign committee must also file a consolidated report on <u>Form 37</u> [PDF].

#### **COMPLIANCE**

#### Treasurer Responsibility

Committee Treasurers are responsible for both the timeliness and the accuracy of all reports. They may be subject to monetary penalties if reports are inaccurate or are not filed on time. See 11 (FR 104.14(d).

- Statement of Pulicy Regarding Treasurers Subject to Enforcement Proceedings [PDF]
- Candidate Guide, p. 7 [PDF]

#### Administrative Fine Program

Political committees and their treasurers who fail to file their reports on time may be subject to civil money penalties up to \$17,600 (or more for repeat late- and non-filers). See 11 (TR 111.30.

- Web Page: Administrative Fine Program
- Candidate Guide, pp. 81-82 [PDF]

#### DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST BUNDLING ACTIVITY

Campaign committees must file <u>FEC Form 31.</u> [PDF] if they receive two or more bundled contributions from lobbyists/registrants or lobbyist/registrant PACs that aggregate in excess of \$16,000 during the applicable reporting period (see page 1 of this notice). See 11 CFR 104.22 and 110.17(e).

• The Record: March 2009 issue [PDF]

#### **2010 REPORTING SCHEDULE**

- Web Page: 2010 Reporting Dates Page
  The Record: January 2010 issue [PDF]
- Candidate Guide, p. 79 [PDF]

#### IMPORTANT FILING INFORMATION - PAPER FILERS

In response to the 2001 anthrax threat, the U.S. Postal Service is irradiating mail directed to many federal agencies, including the FEC and the Secretary of the Senate. This process has not only delayed mail delivery, it has also damaged and in some cases destroyed pieces of mail. As a result, committees that file reports with the FEC may want to consider submitting their reports by some means other than U.S. mail. Alternative methods include electronic filing, overnight mail or delivery service, and hand delivery.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pensities for late- or non-filing of 48-hour notius are based on the amount of contributions not timely disclosed. As a result, these penalties may exceed \$17,600, even for first-time violations.

<sup>\*</sup> Senate committees should contact the Secretary of the Senate at (202) 224-0322 for more information on filing reports via US mail.



## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 100463

**RQ-7** 

MARK A GARCIA, TREASURER THOMAS C CASTELLANO CAMPAIGN FUND 23D4 N ARMENIA AV TAMPA, FL 33607

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00475038

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT 10/1/2010 - 12/31/2010

DEAR TREASURER:

IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION THAT YOU MAY HAVE FAILED TO FILE THE ABOVE REFERENCED REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT. AS AMENDED.

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IF YOU CAVE MATE (RESIDENCE REGREDING THESE MAKEER, MAINER CONTACT SERI FICEMENTAL AT SUR TOLL FREE RUNDER (800)424-9530. OUR DIRECT LOCKL NUMBER IS (202)594-1130.

SINCERELY,

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DEBBIE CHACONA

ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR

REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION (RAD)



April 4, 2011

Mark A. Garcia, in official capacity as Treasurer Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund 2204 N Armenia Ave.
Tampa, FL 33607

C00475038 AF#: 2465

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a Year End Report of Receipts and Disbursements every calendar year. This report, covering the period through December 31, 2010, was due no later than January 31, 2011. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was not filed within thirty (30) days of the due date. You should file this report if you have not already done so.

The Act pennits the FEC to impose civil money panalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4). On April 1, 2011, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before January 31, 2011. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$550. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.30-11.46. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. 11 C.F.R. § 111.34. Your payment of \$550 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by May 11, 2011, and is based on these factors:

Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$20,503 Number of Days Late: Not Filed

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

#### 1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street,

NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or May 11, 2011. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money ponalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encousages that documents be cumnitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will no omnidental reasonably unfaneseon and beyond your control include, but are not limited to. (1) a failuse of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to, (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software moperly. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

### 2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Pounlty and Not to Submit a Chadlenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all approprinte action authorized and required by the DCA, BE amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 C.F.R. § 111.51(a)(2).

#### 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. If you have questions regarding the unyment of the calculated rivil morely penalty, please contact Sari Piekerall in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Cynthia L. Bauerly

Chair

#### ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$550 for the 2010 Year-End Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by May 11, 2011. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

#### PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

#### PLEASE DETACH AND BETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Thomas C Castellano Campaign Fund

FEC ID#: C00475038

AF#: 2465

PAYMENT DUE DATE: May 11, 2011

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$550

#### **DECLARATION OF DAYNA C. BROWN**

- 1. I am the Reviewing Officer in the Office of Administrative Review for the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). It is ay capacity as Reviewing Officer, I cenduct research with respect to all challenges submitted in accordance with the Administrative Fine program.
- 2. The 2010 Year End Report is due January 31, 2011. If the report is sent by certified or registered mail, Priority or Express Mail with delivery confirmation, or by overnight delivery service with an on-line tracking system and scheduled for next business day delivery, it must be postmarked, or delivered to the service, by the close of business on January 31 to be timely filed. If sent by first class mail, it must be received by January 31 to be timely filed.
- 3. It is the practice of the Reports Analysis Division to document all calls to or from committees regarding a letter they receive or any questions relating to administrative fine regulations, including time dates of reports and filing requirements.
- 4. I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and that the documents identified herein are the true and accurete copies of:
  - (a) Pages 1 and 3 of the Statement of Organization filed by Towne for Congress and Mark A. Garcia, in his official capacity as Treasurer. According to the Commission's records, the document is dated October 4, 2010 and was received October 5, 2010. The Statement lists the Committee's address of record as 2204 N. Armenia Av., Tampa, FL 33607, "TOMMY@CASTELLANOFORCONGRESS.COM" as the Committee's email address, and Line 8 lists Mark A. Garcia as the Committee's Treasurer; and
  - (b) The 16 Page Amended October Quarterly Report, including the Envelope Replacement Page, filed via Express Mail by Thomas C. Castellano for Congress. According to the Commussion's records, the report covers the period from August 5, 2010 through March 31, 2011, was sent May 6, 2011, and received May 9, 2011. The report discloses no activity during the October 1 through December 31, 2010 Year End reporting period.
- 5. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Washington on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2011.

Dayna C. Brown Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review Federal Election Commission

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#### For further information contact:

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#### **VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

July 6, 2011

Mark A. Garcia, in official capacity as Treasurer Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund 2204 N Armenia Avenue Tampa, FL 33607

C00475038 AF# 2465

Dear Mr. Garcia:

On April 1, 2011, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that the Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer ("respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to file the 2010 Year End Report. The Commission also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$550 based on the schedule of pottalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

After reviewing the written response and any supplemental information submitted by you and Commission staff, the Reviewing Officer has recommended that the Commission make a final determination in this matter. A copy of the Reviewing Officer's recommendation is attached.

You may file with the Commission Secretary a written response to the recommendation within 10 days of the date of this letter. Your written response should be sent to the Commission Secretary, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. As a result of the anthrax threat in the Washington, DC area, US Postal Service mail delivery to federal agencies, including the Commission, has been interrupted. Until regular mail fielivery resumes, you may also file your written response with the Commission Secretary via facsimile (202-208-3333) or by courier at the same address (if you use an overnight delivery service, please use zip code 20004 instead of zip code 20463). Please include the AF # in your response. Your response may not raise any arguments not raised in your original written response or not directly responsive to the Reviewing Officer's recommendation. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The Commission will then make a final determination in this matter.

Plesse contact me at the tell free number 800-424-9530 (press 0, then pross 1660) or 202-694-1660 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dayna C. Brown Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review

Attachment cc: Thomas C. Castellano, Candidate 2705 W. Louisiana Avenue Tampa, FL 33614



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July 25, 2011

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

The Commission

Through:

Alec Palmer

Acting Staff Director

From:

Patricia Carmona Chief Compliance Officer

Dayna C. Brown

Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review

Subject:

Final Determination Recommendation in AF# 2465 - Thomas C. Castellano

Campaign Fund and Mark A. Garcia, in his official capacity as Treasurer

(C00475038)

On April 1, 2011, the Commission found reason to believe ("RTB") that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to file the 2010 Year End Report. As a result, the Commission also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$550 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

On May 6, 2011, the respondents filed an Amended October Quarterly Report covering the period from August 5, 2010 through March 31, 2011 and encompassing the October 1 through December 31, 2010 coverage dates of the Year End. The report disclosed no receipts and no disbursements for the Year End reporting period. Since the report indicates that the Committee had no activity during Year End reporting period, and the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43(a) only provides for civil money penalties if the level of activity is \$1.00 or more, no civil money penalty would have been assessed had the Amended October Quarterly covering the Year End reporting period been filed prior to the RTB finding.

On May 26, 2011, the Commission received the respondents' written response ("challenge"). After reviewing the challenge, the Reviewing Officer's recommendation dated June 30, 2011 was forwarded to the Commission, a copy was sent to the respondents, and is hereby incorporated by reference. The Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission make a final determination that they violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and based on the actual level of activity for the Year End reporting period (\$0), assess a civil money penalty of \$0 because they

submitted no evidence that a factual error was made in the RTB finding, that the penalty was miscalculated at RTB or that they used best efforts to file on time. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(b).

Within 10 days of transmittal of the recommendation, the respondents may file a written response with the Commission Secretary which may not raise any arguments not mised in the respondents' challenge or not directly responsive to the Reviewing Officer's recommendation. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). As of this date, a written response has not been received.

#### **OAR Recommendations**

- (1) Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 2465 involving the Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund and Mark A. Garcia, in his official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination;
- (2) Make a final determination in AF# 2465 that the Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund and Mark A. Garcia, in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and, based on the actual level of activity disclosed for the period (\$0), assess no civil money penalty (reduced from the RTB civil money penalty of \$550); and
- (3) Send the appropriate letter.

#### BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on August 03, 2011, the Commission decided by a vote of 4-0 to take the following actions in AF 2465:

- Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF#2465 involving the Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund and Mark A. Garcia, in his official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination.
- 2. Make a final determination in AF# 2465 that the Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund and Mark A. Garcia, in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and, based on the actual level of activity disclosed for the period (\$0), assess no civil money penalty (reduced from RTB civil money penalty of \$550).
- 3. Send the apprepriate letter.

Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Petersen and Walther did not vote.

Attest:

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



August 5, 2011

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mark A. Garcia, in official capacity as Treasurer Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund 2705 W Louisiana Avenue Tampa, PL 33614

C00475038 AF# 2465

Dear Mr. Garcia:

On April 1, 2011, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that the Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to file the 2010 Year End Report. By letter dated April 4, 2011, the Commission sent you notification of the RTB finding that included a civil money penalty calculated at RTB of \$550 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. On May 26, 2011, the Office of Administrative Review received your written response, challenging the RTB finding and civil money penalty.

The Reviewing Officer reviewed the Commission's RTB finding with its supporting documentation and the written response. Based on this review, the Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission reduce the RTB civil money penalty because it was calculated using an estimated level of activity, make a final determination that the Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and, based on the actual level of activity disclosed on the Year End Report (\$0), assess no civil money penalty, in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. The basis for the Reviewing Officer's recommendation was included in the Final Determination Report, a copy of which was sent to you on July 6, 2011.

On August 4, 2011, the Commission adopted the Reviewing Officer's recommendation, made a final determination that the Thomas C. Castellano Campaign Fund and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and, based on the level of activity disclosed on the Year End Report (\$0), assessed no civil money penalty (reduced from the RTB civil money penalty of \$550). It is based on the same factors used to calculate the civil money penalty at RTB except that the actual rather than the estimated level of activity was used. A copy of the fittal determination recommendation is attached.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. The file will be made a part of the public record pursuant to

11 C.F.R. § 111.42(b). Although the file must be placed on the public record within 30 days from the date of the Commission's notification, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote.

If you have any questions, please contact Dayna Brown on our toll free number (800)424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202)694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Cynthia L. Bauerly

Chair

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# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington DC 20463

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